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February 8, 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL

Ms. Erin Richey
Engineering News-Record
(home address has been deleted)

Dear Ms. Richey:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2013-00408)

Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Headquarters (HQ) FOIA Office has been forwarded to this office for response and was received on January 22, 2013. In that letter you requested "data regarding the use of individual surety bonds on construction contracts, not including those for residential housing, completed directly with the Department of Energy in the last 20 years."

The Office of procurement Management at HQ's generated a report of construction contracts and provided that listing to you on January 11, 2013. We have reviewed the listing and the contracts that fall under the jurisdiction of this office are as follows:

AC06-80RL10000	RAYMOND KAISER ENG/PB
AC06-90RL11781	SUMMIT TECH CONSULTING ENG INC
AC06-86RL10851	BECHTEL NATIONAL INC
AC06-86RL10951	BECHTEL NATIONAL INC
AC06-87RL10900	KAISER ENGINEERS HANFORD CO
AC06-91RL11977	BLACK & VEATCH
AC06-90RL11757	RALPH M PARSONS CO

We have reviewed each contract. The first four listed above (Raymond Kaiser, Summit Tech Consulting, and the two contracts with Bechtel National) are outside of the 20 year period and were not construction contracts. Therefore, no responsive documents were located. The next three contracts (Kaiser Engineers Hanford; Black & Veatch; and, Ralph M Parsons) fall within the 20 year period for completion of contracted for activities, but the awards were made before 1992. In addition, Black & Veatch and Ralph M Parsons were not construction contracts. Any construction would have been performed by Kaiser Engineers Hanford, either directly or under a subcontract to them; however, Kaiser Engineers Hanford was a Management and Operations (M&O) contractor and DOE did not require an individual surety bond from them. Therefore, no documents exist.

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The undersigned individual is responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, as provided in 10 CFR 1004.8, for the adequacy of our search. Any such appeal shall be made in writing to the following address: Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals (HG-1), U.S. Department of Energy, L'Enfant Plaza Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-1615, and shall be filed within 30 days after receipt of this letter. Should you choose to appeal, please provide this office with a copy of your letter.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at our address above or on (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,

-Original Signed By-

Dorothy Riehle
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